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PENDING INSUSTRIAL CASES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of industrial disputes pending in the country particularly in Industrial Tribunal of Delhi and Mumbai, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has fixed any time limit for speedy disposal of such pending cases;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint more Presiding Officers in Delhi and Mumbai in view of the increasing number of industrial disputes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): As per the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 an Appropriate Government can set up Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals for resolution of Industrial Disputes. In respect of Industrial Disputes arising in the Central Sphere, Central Government is the Appropriate Government for setting up the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum- Labour Courts (CGIT-cum-LCs). The details of the State Labour Courts are not centrally maintained. There are 22 CGIT-cum-Labour Courts in different parts of the country. The details of the number of cases pending in the CGITs-cum-LCs, including the CGIT-cum-LCs at Mumbai and Delhi is at Annexe-I.

(b)& (c): While referring Industrial disputes for adjudication to CGIT-cum- Labour Court, a time limit of three months is specified for submitting the award in terms of sub section 2A of Section 10 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Proviso to sub Section 2A of Section 10 of the said Act further provides for extension of above time limit by the Labour Court, Tribunal or National Tribunal on the request of parties to an industrial dispute, jointly or separately.

(d) & (e): There is no such proposal at present.